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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency proposes an extension of an approved information collection, Independent Researcher Listing Application, NA Form 14115, used by independent researchers to provide their contact information. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before [Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register] to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (NHP), Room 4400, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, MD 20740-6001; or faxed to 301-713-7409; or electronically mailed to tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collections and supporting statements should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301-837-1694 or fax number 301-713-7409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) whether the proposed information collections are necessary for the

proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology; and (e) whether small businesses are affected by this collection. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the NARA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collections:

Title: Independent Researcher Listing Application.

OMB number: 3095-0054.

Agency form numbers: NA Form 14115.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Individuals or households.

Estimated number of respondents: 458.

Estimated time per response: 10 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 76.

Abstract: In the past, the National Archives has made use of various lists of independent researchers who perform freelance research for hire in the Washington, DC, area. We have sent these lists upon request to researchers who could not travel to the metropolitan area to conduct their own research. To better accommodate both the public and NARA staff, the Customer Services Division (RD-DC) of the National Archives maintains a listing of independent researchers for the public. All interested independent researchers provide their contact

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information via this form. Collecting contact and other key information from each independent

researcher and providing such information to the public when deemed appropriate will only

increase business. This form is not a burden in any way to any independent researcher who

voluntarily submits a completed form. Inclusion on the list will not be viewed or advertised as

an endorsement by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). The listing is

compiled and disseminated as a service to the public.

Dated: May 30, 2012

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